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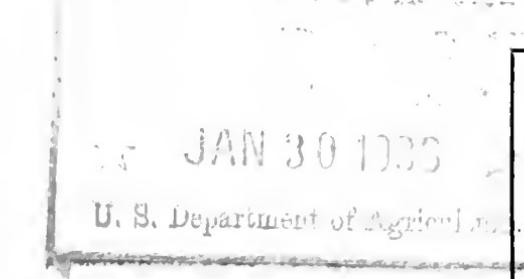
WENTWORTH GARDENS

Retail List for 1935



SPRING FLOWERING BULBS
and PEONIES

Wentworth Gardens, Battle Creek, Mich.



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Wentworth Hardy Peonies

No flower grown by man has been blessed with such colorful large blooms, such luxurious dark green foliage, and still requires so little care as the Peony.

Wentworth Gardens have one of the very best collections of high-rated Peonies on the market. The rating numbers given each variety by the American Peony Society stand for the following:

- 10.0—Perfect.
- 9.0—Exceptionally good.
- 8.0—Very good.
- 7.0—Good.

CULTURE

First of all, Peonies may be planted in almost any ordinary garden soil and in almost any place but it is better not to place them too near trees or large shrubs as these tend to drain the soil of moisture as well as rob the Peony of a few hours of sunshine.

Never plant a root so that the eyes are more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the surface of the ground; 2 inches is the most satisfactory depth. Too deep planting is one of the commonest reasons for failure to bloom.

The best times for planting are from early September until freezing time.

When planted in groups, Peonies should be spaced about 3 feet apart.

Most losses of young plants are due to heaving of the ground, caused by alternate freezing and thawing. We, therefore, suggest for at least the first winter, your covering the plants over with straw or leaves.

Peonies are remarkably free from diseases and blights. The ants and other bugs, that swarm about the buds, are merely after the honey that oozes out of the tight buds.

We have listed below our Peony stock, accompanied by helpful notations as to color, price, etcetera. Our shipments are all three- to five-eye divisions. They are always true to name.

Peony List WHITE VARIETIES

Avalanche. (8.7). Late midseason. Creamy white in color, centered with pale lilac-white petals. A splendid show flower. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Ball of Cotton. (8.8). Midseason. Very descriptive name. Snow white in color, the flower is round as a ball. Profuse bloomer. Good substance. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

Baroness Schroeder. (9.0). Late. One of the finest Peonies. The buds are a delicate blush-pink, fading to a milky white in the open flower. Blooms after almost all other white varieties are gone. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Couronne d'Or. (8.1). Late. The outer petals are a pure white. The golden stamens encircle a few center petals tipped with carmine. This is also a good show flower. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Duchesse de Nemours. (8.1). Early. This is a cream-white in color with the lower petals blended with green. The blooms are profuse and dependable. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Enchantress. (8.9). Late. This is a very pleasing pure white which will prolong your blooming season until very late, and is an excellent show flower. **Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.**

Festiva Maxima. (9.3). Early. Very large rose type bloom, pure white in color flecked with red on the outer petals. It possesses a pleasing fragrance. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Frances Willard. (9.1). Midseason. A very fine large white which pleases everyone. When first open it is a blush-white, changing to a pure white later. Another winner as a show variety. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

James Kelway. (8.7). Early midseason. A large, loose flower with a strong, pleasing fragrance. Opens a rose-white with a change to milk-white petals shaded with yellow at the base. **Each, 60c; 10, \$4.80.**

Jubilee. (8.9). This variety achieves a feathery effect with its long, narrow, loosely arranged ivory-white petals. **Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.**

Kelway's Glorious. (9.8). Midseason. The blooms are immense white, long-petaled flowers, almost perfect in their beauty and in their rating. **Each, \$2.00; 10, \$16.00.**

Le Cygne. (9.9). Early midseason. The rating on this variety too, speaks for itself. It reaches near-perfection as to form, fragrance and color, which is a pure creamy white. A true rose type, of medium height. **Each, \$2.00; 10, \$16.00.**

Marie Lemoine. (8.5). Late. One of the most beautiful of all the Peonies, it has a strong, delightful fragrance. It is white tinged with sulphur tones. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Mme. de Verneville. (7.9). Early midseason. The outer petals of this variety are white, the center a blush white. It is very good as a cut flower and blooms profusely. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

Mme. Emile Lemoine. (8.9). Midseason. This is a very beautiful Peony. The large, full blooms, of a soft flesh color, are covered with tiny pink dots, and are borne on tall, strong stems. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Monsieur Dupont. (8.3). Late midseason. An ivory-white in color, the yellow stamens are mingled with the petals. It blooms prolifically and is very fragrant. **Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.**

Solange. (9.7). Late. This is a most unusual variety as to color, which might be described as a white with buff and pink blending. When grown under good conditions the flower is almost perfect in form. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

YELLOW VARIETIES

Laura Dessert. (8.8). One of the finest yellow Peonies. The creamy white guard petals surround the center petals which are a pure canary-yellow. Cut the buds and let them develop away from the sun to prevent fading. **Each, \$2.00; 10, \$16.00.**

Primavera. (8.6). The sulphur-yellow central petals are encircled by creamy white guard petals. It is very beautiful but should also be protected from the sun to keep it from fading. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

SINGLE VARIETIES

A single Peony consists of 1 or 2 rows of guard petals enclosing a tuft of yellow stamens.

Darkness. (8.2). A very good blooming variety with tall strong stems. The petals surrounding the cluster of golden stamens are a very dark maroon shaded deeper at the base. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

L'Etincelante. (8.4). Large flowers that are decidedly cup-shaped, with petals of a bright pink, edged with silver. The center is formed of bright yellow stamens. Fine as a cut flower.

Marguerite Dessert. (8.5). A very desirable pale pink medium size flower centered with golden stamens. **Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.**

Pride of Langport. (8.9). A wonderfully beautiful flower; withstands fading from the sun for some time. It is an immense bloom of brilliant soft peach pink. **Each, \$2.00; 10, \$16.00.**



Kelway's Glorious,
White Peony.
(9.8).

Peonies Make the June Garden



PINK VARIETIES

ALBERT CROUSSE. (8.6). Late midseason. A very outstanding late midseason pink. The color is soft shell-pink with compactly arranged, narrow petals. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

AUGUSTE DESSERT. (8.7). Late. This is an excellent variety with very brilliant pink rounded petals. The yellow stamens are visible among the petals. Each, \$1.50; 10, \$12.00.

CLAIRE DUBOIS. (8.7). Late. This is a lovely violet-rose shade, large and round in form, tipped at the end of the petals with white. The best cut flower of its color in its season. Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.

EDULIS SUPERBA. (7.6). Early. A loosely arranged crown type flower, deep pink as to color. It is excellent for cut flowers and blooms very early in the season. Each, 60c; 10, \$4.80.

EUGENIE VERDIER. (8.6). Early midseason. The hydrangea-pink color of this bloom intensifies toward the center of the large flat flower which is very showy and beautiful. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

GEORGIANA SHAYLOR. (8.9). Late midseason. A light rose-pink flower with a pleasing fragrance. One of the very best. Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.

GRANDIFLORA. (8.8). Late. Blooming when all other Peonies are gone, it is a soft shell-pink, shading to white. Each, 60c; 10, \$4.80.

HENRY AVERY. (8.8). Late midseason. A very striking Peony both as a garden and show variety. Light pink in color it is unusual because of the ring of creamy petals definitely encircling the center pink petals. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF. (9.1). Midseason. A pale blush-pink. Beautifully formed, sweetly fragrant and very showy. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

LA PERLE. (8.5). Midseason. Rose-pink deepening to a deeper shade toward the center, flecked with crimson. Excellent as a cut flower. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

LILLIAN GUMM. (8.8). Late midseason. A large rose type flower with broad apple-blossom pink petals, more brilliantly shaded at the base. A very outstanding variety. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

LIVINGSTONE. (8.1). Late. Large and compact blooms, of a deep pink. A very dependable late variety that is also very fragrant. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

LOVELINESS. (8.8). Late. The flowers are beautiful, large, flat Hydrangea-pink blooms borne on strong erect stems. An excellent show flower. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

LUETTA PFEIFFER. (8.7). Early. A pinkish white, large semi-double flower that blooms prolifically. A few golden stamens are visible among the petals. Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.

MARIE CROUSSE. (8.9). Midseason. Delicate shell-pink bordering on salmon, distinctive in color from almost any other pink variety. It is very attractive. Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.

RED VARIETIES

ADOLPHE ROUSSEAU. (8.5). Early. A fine dark red Peony, very good for landscaping. The flowers are borne on tall, erect stems. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

CHERRY HILL. (8.6). Early. Another red Peony, also good for landscaping. It is a bright deep garnet-red overlaid with a rich sheen. The flowers are semi-double. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

FELIX CROUSSE. (8.4). An excellent all-purpose, deep rose-red variety. The incurved center petals are surrounded by broad guard petals. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

KARL ROSENFIELD. (8.8). Very large brilliant red semi-double type flowers that are slightly fragrant. Good as a cut flower. Each, 50c; 10, \$4.00.

LONGELOW. (9.0).

Midseason. A bright crimson-red with good foliage and strong stems. It is very dependable and striking both in the field and the show room. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

RICHARD CARVEL. (8.8). Early. A magnificent bright crimson early bomb type Peony. It is beautiful, lasting, and pleasantly fragrant. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

VICTOIRE DE LA MARNE. (8.2). Midseason. This is a brilliant dark crimson with silver reflexes. It is a loosely formed flower borne on strong sturdy stems. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

JAPANESE VARIETIES

Japanese Peonies, like the single varieties, consist of 1 or 2 rows of petals but unlike the single flowers in that they are centered by narrow petaloids of various colors. Both single and Japanese Peonies bloom earlier than the double varieties and are more decorative and useful for bouquet work.

AMA-NO-SODE. (9.2). Midseason. Two rows of long, broad petals, rose-pink in color, form a cup around a huge center of yellow staminodes which are tipped with rose. Each, \$2.50; 10, \$20.00.

EXQUISITE. (8.9). A splendid variety with pure white, large guard petals surrounding the white center petaloids which are edged yellow. Each, \$2.50; 10, \$20.00.

KING OF ENGLAND. (8.6). The large tuft of center petaloids and the outer petals are the same shade of deep rich red. The petaloids are edged with gold. A good cut flower. Each, \$1.50; 10, \$12.00.

MIKADO. (8.6). Long rounded petals of brilliant red surround a great dome of yellow staminodes. Exceedingly brilliant. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

PRINCESS DULEEP SINGH. (8.7). A soft shade of deep wild rose colors the guard petals centered with a spherical tuft of rose and gold staminodes. Each, \$1.00; 10, \$8.00.

TAIHO. This is too new a variety to be rated yet. Broad petals of delicate pink surround a tuft of creamy staminodes. Each, 75c; 10, \$6.00.

FLAMBOYANT. (8.5). Evenly shaped violet-crimson petals are centered with staminodes of light yellow edged with gold and red. Each, \$1.50; 10, \$12.00.

FUYAJO. (9.2). Midseason. Rich deep mahogany-red petals surround the broad center petaloids of the same color. The highest rated dark Japanese Peony. Each, \$1.50; 10, \$12.00.

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Dutch Tulips the First Welcome of Spring

In offering you this list of high grade Tulips, it has been our object to give you only Tulips of tested color and performance, at reasonable prices.

Our list has been greatly increased and improved this season by the addition of many new varieties and types, which we are sure you will enjoy having.

Darwin Tulips

BARONNE DE LA TONNAYE. Blush-rose with lavender hue. Excellent for bedding. Very tall, strong stems. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

BARTIGON. A dazzling crimson-scarlet with a pure white base. A large flower on stiff stem. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

BLEU AIMABLE. A bright violet shaded with steel-blue, the inside a darker violet-purple with blue base, starred white. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

CITY OF HAARLEM. Bright scarlet edged with white. Black center. Excellent for bedding or massed planting. Per 10, 60c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

CLARA BUTT. A very pleasing and popular apple-blossom pink. A beautiful bedding Tulip. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

DREAM. Bright heliotrope with beautiful orchid-purple. Its magnificent mellow color makes it one of the loveliest. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

EARNCOMBE SANDERS. A broad petaled and perfectly shaped flower, brick red in color with a rosy sheen. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

KING HAROLD. Large deep mahogany-red flowers. Does well in partial shade. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

LA TULIPE NOIRE. The "Black Tulip." A velvety black maroon flower of large size. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

MADAME KRELAGE. A long shaped flower of bright lavender-pink, silvery pink on the edges. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

MRS. POTTER PALMER. A bright purplish violet, one of the most popular and excellent for the border. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH. A clear delicate pink. One of the finest Darwins for the garden. Per 10, 60c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

PRIDE OF HAARLEM. The brilliant rosy carmine flowers with a blue base make a gorgeous showing. The enormous fragrant blooms are unequalled for bedding. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

REV. H. EWBank. Vivid heliotrope lilac. An exquisite color shading into silvery gray. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

WM. COPELAND. One of the earliest; lilac colored Tulip. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

ZULU. Rich, velvety purple-black flowers, especially good in massed planting. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

ZWANENBURG. Pure white with black anthers. Of great beauty and form. Per 10, 75c; 25, \$1.65; 50, \$3.00.

Breeder Tulips

BRONZE KING. A golden brown and olive flower with a yellow base. It grows very tall and strong. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

BRONZE QUEEN. Soft buff, shaded golden brown inside. A very lovely flower, combining well with "Bronze King." Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

CARDINAL MANNING. A large flower, bishop's-purple in color, flushed with rosy bronze, shading to an almost pure orange at the edges of the petals. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

DON PEDRO. A beautiful shade of coffee brown, shaded with maroon. A very lovely variety in an unusual color. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

GODET PARFAIT. Deep, rich, blue-violet flowers that are strikingly beautiful. The petals are tipped with white at the base and have a blue halo. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

LOUIS XIV. A large globular flower of rich dark purple, shaded with bronze and edged with golden brown. Fine for cutting. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

PANORAMA. A sweetly fragrant, deep orange-red, shaded with mahogany, olive-green at the base. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

PINK PEARL. One of the loveliest pinks in the world, a vivid cherry rose with a white stripe. Per 10, 80c; 25, \$1.75; 50, \$3.20.

CULTURE

Plant Tulips about 6 inches deep and 4 inches apart, in a well worked soil.

It is advisable to enrich the soil by mixing in bone meal and lime, both when planting and in the spring just before the plants come up. We also suggest your breaking the top soil early in the spring as this gives the bulbs a better chance to get food and air.

Tulips were designed by Nature for planting in beds, though they do work out very well in borders or around tall shrubs and trees.

Tulip bulbs may or may not be left in the ground the year 'round. If you do choose to dig and separate them, be sure to let them cure in a cool, well ventilated part of your basement.

The bulbs that we have to offer you are all good, healthy, and guaranteed. They are especially grown for outdoor bedding and blooming, and are of a size that will assure you of the greatest flower return for your money.

Cottage Tulips

Brightness. Geranium-red with black center. Per 10, 80c; 25, \$1.75; 50, \$3.20.

Carrara. Pure white. The best late flowering white. Flowers large, round and lovely. Per 10, 80c; 25, \$1.75; 50, \$3.20.

Columbus. Golden yellow, heavily flamed with red stripes. Large flowers. Pointed petals. Per 10, 80c; 25, \$1.75; 50, \$3.20.

Dido. Salmon-orange. Outside cherry-red. Fragrant. Good for bedding. Extra fine. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

EUGENIE LUTEA. Deep yellow. A flower of perfect form. Good for growing among shrubbery. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

Gesneriana Spathulata. Scarlet with blue-black base. Large flowers. Per 10, 70c; 25, \$1.50; 50, \$2.80.

Inglescombe Yellow. Splendid canary-yellow, of perfect form. Very handsome. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

Moonlight. A soft pale yellow. Oval-shaped flowers. Lovely when planted among Iris. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

Mrs. Moon. Golden yellow. Slender petals reflexed at top and always sure to please. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

Picotee. White margined with deep rose, as it ages the flower is suffused with the color of the rose edge. Per 10, 65c; 25, \$1.30; 50, \$2.40.

Parrot Tulips

FANTASY. A beautiful salmon-pink, shading to a darker pink. Green markings on back of petals. Sensational. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$2.30; 50, \$4.40.

CHOICE MIXED. Bright colors and well mixed. Many with fringed edge and as colorful as the Parrots themselves. Per 10, 55c; 25, \$1.20; 50, \$2.20.

Louis XIV, Breeder.

Farncombe Sanders, Darwin.

Dido, Cottage.

ORIENTAL POPPIES

With every order of \$2.50 or over we will send to you free one large root of the Poppy, "Orange Orientalis."</p

Wentworth's Narcissus or Daffodils

Daffodils or Narcissus have a very definite place in any spring flower garden. The tall trumpeted flowers always proclaim that spring is here to stay.

The culture of these bulbs is the same as that of the Tulip and the satisfaction derived from them is great.

The bulbs offered are the "double-nosed" size and for this reason, you will be assured of more than one bloom per bulb.

Bulbs left in the ground all year will increase and divide and be a source of real beauty for years to come.

ALBA PLENA ODORATA. (Double). A pure white variety with the fragrance of orange blossoms. Strong stems. Blooms late and seems to prefer semi-shaded positions. Large double-nosed bulbs. Per 10, 45c; 25, \$1.00; 50, \$1.80.

CONSPICUUS. (Barri class). This class has the most brilliant red crowns. Yellow short cup edged orange. This is a reliable variety and is very free flowering. Large double-nosed bulbs. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

EMPEROR. (Yellow trumpet). Very large flowering variety with rich, deep yellow trumpet. The flowers are of a heavy substance and the variety is truly hardy. Large double-nosed bulbs. Per 10, 80c; 25, \$1.80; 50, \$3.30.

VARIETIES

KING ALFRED. (Yellow trumpet). A fine, giant, golden yellow. This variety is always popular and considered by many to be the finest. Large double-nosed bulbs. Per 10, \$1.10; 25, \$2.40; 50, \$4.40.

ORANGE PHOENIX. (Double). This variety has rows of snow-white petals which seem to be held in place by a ribbon of orange. Per 10, 50c; 25, \$1.10; 50, \$2.00.

SIR WATKIN. (Incomparabilis). An extremely outstanding variety of primrose-yellow with a large and well-formed yellow cup. It is fragrant and of very easy culture. Large double-nosed bulbs. Per 10, 75c; 25, \$1.65; 50, \$3.00.

Crocus

The Crocus, earliest of all bulb flowers, should be one of your "must haves," for your spring landscaping.

We have listed below four of the improved large flowering varieties which are now on the market.

Kathleen Parlow. A very beautiful large white. Per 10, 35c; 25, 75c; 50, \$1.35.

Pallas. Light lilac striped on a white background. Per 10, 35c; 25, 75c; 50, \$1.35.

Purpurea Grandiflora. Beautiful large deep purple. Per 10, 35c; 25, 75c; 50, \$1.35.

Yellow. Large lemon-yellow. Per 10, 35c; 25, 75c; 50, \$1.35.

Choice Mixture. This mixture has in it all the colors. Per 10, 25c; 25, 50c; 50, 80c.



Dutch Crocus.



Grape Hyacinths.

Grape Hyacinth - Muscari

A very interesting and attractive addition to any rock garden or flower bed is the **Grape Hyacinth**.

The flowers of this attractive plant are grapelike clusters closely set and are very good as cut flowers or for naturalizing.

We highly recommend your giving this plant a place in your garden.

ARMENIACUM. A very deep cobalt blue. Strong grower. Per 10, 25c; 25, 50c; 50, 80c.

BOTRYOIDES ALBA. A white variety of good form and habit. Per 10, 45c; 25, \$1.00; 50, \$1.80.

CONICUM. Beautiful deep purplish blue. Per 10, 25c; 25, 50c; 50, 80c.

HEAVENLY BLUE. Sky-blue in color. Per 10, 20c; 25, 45c; 50, \$1.00.

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also specialize in the finest varieties of Gladiolus bulbs. Our catalog will be available soon after the first of January. Will you send us your request for a copy?

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